

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1679

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 28, 1977

Application of THE COLONIAL TRANSIT)
CO., INC., for Temporary Authority)
to Conduct Charter Operations)
Pursuant to Contract -- FBI)

Application No. 993

By application filed April 26, 1977, The Colonial Transit Co., Inc. (Colonial), seeks temporary authority to conduct charter operations, over irregular routes, between the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and 100 South Reynolds Street, Alexandria, Va., pursuant to a contract with the United States Department of Justice, FBI. Service is scheduled to commence May 2, 1977, and extend through September 30, 1977. A minimum of four air-conditioned 44-passenger buses a day will be required. The contract between Colonial and FBI, signed April 25, 1977, specifies payment at the daily rate of \$60 a bus.

In support of the application, FBI states that it has been required temporarily to transfer approximately 200 employees to the Washington, D. C., area for the purpose of processing requests for information from files maintained at FBI headquarters. These employees will be quartered in the vicinity of 100 South Reynolds Street and must be transported to FBI headquarters each morning and returned to Alexandria each evening. FBI solicited bids for the proposed service and awarded the contract to Colonial. It knows of no carrier now holding the requisite authority. In addition to this daily shuttle service, it is anticipated that FBI will occasionally need additional equipment and Sunday service, and Colonial is willing to meet these requirements.

A review of the operating rights issued by this Commission reveals that there is no certificated carrier capable of providing the proposed service.

The Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) authorizes the Commission to grant temporary authority, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, to enable the provision of service for which there is an immediate and urgent need where there is no carrier service capable of meeting such need. Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that the statutory criteria have been met. Accordingly, temporary authority shall be granted.

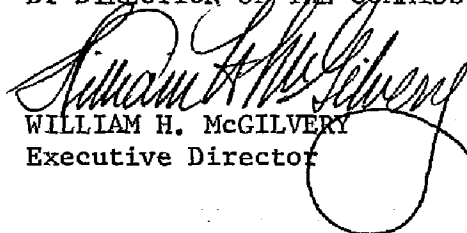
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That The Colonial Transit Co., Inc., be, and it is hereby, granted temporary authority to transport employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in charter operations, over irregular routes, between FBI headquarters building, 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and 100 South Reynolds Street, Alexandria, Va.

2. That The Colonial Transit Co., Inc., file its WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. 1 on or before May 6, 1977, to be effective May 2, 1977.

3. That the temporary authority granted herein be, and it is hereby, effective May 2, 1977, to expire September 30, 1977, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVER
Executive Director